

SEATTLE COMPOSTING RESOURCE GUIDE

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Composting Bins *click blue links to open these websites*

Seattle residents can receive information on where to purchase compost bins, and other yard questions, by calling the **Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline, 206-633-0224**, e-mail info@lawnandgardenhotline.org

Do-It-Yourself

- **The Natural Soil Building Program** provides **free** design sheets for a 3-bin unit, an indoor and outdoor worm bin, and a food scrap digester. For copies of these free design sheets, call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline, 206-633-0224, or go to www.seattletilth.org/resources/compost. The Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline can also send you copies of guides on composting food scraps and yard materials, soil building, smart watering, natural lawn care, choosing the right plants, and natural pest, weed, and disease control.
- **Rolling compost barrel instructions:** http://www.rco.on.ca/factsheet/fs_ee01.html

Manufactured

- **Seattle Composter:** For Seattle City residents only. Available from Seattle Public Utilities 206-633-0224, or follow link at <http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard/Composting/>
- **Yelm Earthworm & Castings Farm:** Food waste composting systems. 877-339-6767 www.yelmworms.com
- **Green Cone food waste digesters**, check web or call for current price. 800-233-8438 www.composters.com
Discount price on Green Cones available for Seattle City residents. Call Seattle Public Utilities 206-633-0224, or follow link at <http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard/Composting/>
- **King County residents:** Variety of compost bins available. 800-233-8438. <http://composters.com/kingcounty/>
- **Can-O-Worms:** Stacking tray food composter. Happy D Ranch. \$99+S/H. 888-989-1558 www.happydranch.com
- **The Worm Factory.** Stacking tray food composter; 5 trays. \$95. Seattle Tilth Association 206-633-0224.
- **Gardener's Supply:** Yard waste bins, including tumblers and food waste bins, by mail. 888-833-1412 www.gardeners.com
- **Composters.com:** Yard waste bins, compost tumblers and food waste bins by mail. 800-233-8438 www.composters.com
- **Sky Nursery:** Cedar worm bins, 1'x36"x36", \$90, wire yard waste bins, \$60, and other tumbling and rolling yard waste bins ranging from \$125 - \$175 call for availability. 206-546-4851

Master Composter/Soil Builder Volunteer Program

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Master Composter/Soil Builder Volunteers offer educational activities for all ages. To schedule activities or to find out how to become a volunteer, call the Volunteer Coordinator, 206-633-0097.

Books & Videos About Composting

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- ***Worms Eat My Garbage***, by Mary Appelhof. Excellent how-to book available at Seattle Libraries, Seattle Tilth, and booksellers. <http://www.wormwoman.com/acatalog/index.html>
- ***Let It Rot! The Home Gardener's Guide to Composting***, by Stu Campbell. Great practical book available at Seattle Public Libraries and booksellers.
- ***Rodale Book of Composting***, by Rodale Press. Home composting reference available at Seattle Libraries and booksellers.
- ***The Complete Home Composting Video Guide***, by Vernal Productions. Clear visual guide to composting available at Seattle Libraries.

Red Worms for Composting

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Red worms are sold in many ways. For a healthy start, a 2' by 3' by 1' deep worm bin requires ½ pound to 1 pound of worms. Call sources listed below to find out what each offers.

- **Seattle Tilth:** 4649 Sunnyside Ave. N, Room #120, Seattle, WA 98103, 206-633-0224 Worm sales Monday through Friday, 10:00 to 4:00.
- **Eastside, Redmond area:** Call Judy, 425-868-2694 or e-mail judy1007@comcast.net
- **Eastside, South Bellevue area:** Call Evelyn, 206-501-8844
- **North Seattle area:** Call Barb, 206-297-7303
- **Stone Way Hardware:** 4318 Stone Way N., Seattle, WA 98103. Call for availability. 206-545-6910
- **Sky Nursery:** 18528 Aurora Way N., Shoreline, WA 98133. Call for availability. 206-546-4851
- **BRR Worm Farm:** PO #215, Little Rock, WA 98556, www.wormswrangler.com

The Natural Soil Building Program is sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities. Call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline at **206-633-0224** for more information about red worm suppliers, composting, natural gardening and recycling.

Finished Compost for Sale

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Finished Compost: Check "Topsoils" and "Compost" in the Yellow Pages for other compost products. Call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline 206-633-0224 for a more detailed list of local bulk compost sources.

- **Barefoot Soil:** Earthworm castings from dairy and horse manure and yard waste. 877-339-6767 www.yelmworms.com
- **Bailey Compost:** Yard waste and dairy manure. 360-568-8826. www.baileycompost.com
- **Cedar Grove Compost:** Made from Seattle yard waste. Available in bags at local garden stores and hardware stores. Also available in bulk for pick-up or delivery:

- **Sawdust Supply:** 15 S Spokane St. Also GroCo (composted municipal biosolids) and SteerCo 206-622-4321
- **Sayers Fuel:** 3809 Rainier Ave. S. 206-723-0564
- **Sky Nursery:** 18528 Aurora Ave. N. 206-546-4851 www.skynursery.com
- **Cedar Grove:** 17825 Cedar Grove Rd., Maple Valley, WA 98038. 425-432-2395 www.cedar-grove.com
- **DeJong's Sawdust and Shavings:** "Chicken and Chips" composted chicken manure, horse manure, and wood shavings. Available in bulk for pick-up or delivery. 425-885-1821 www.dejongss.com
- **Walt's Organic Mushroom Compost:** Spent alder bark growing medium from certified organic mushroom grower, available in bags at local garden stores. 206-783-6685 <http://www.waltsorganic.com/index.html>
- **Whitney Farms Planting Compost:** Composted cow manure, bark. Available in bags at local garden stores.
- **Zoo Doo:** Composted herbivore manure from the Woodland Park Zoo. Call for pick-up appointment. 206-625-7667 http://zoo.org/zoo_info/special/zoodoo.htm

Raw Materials for Composting and Mulching

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- **Manure:** Look in the Yellow Pages and newspaper classified ads for dairies and stables offering low cost and free manure. Some deliver for a fee.
- **King Conservation District:** "Manure Share Program" provides gardeners with listings for horse owners with free manure available for pick-up. 425-277-5581 extension 130 http://www.kingcd.org/pro_man.htm
- **Seattle Mounted Police:** Free manure mixed with sawdust. You load and pick-up at Westcrest Park location, 9200 8th Ave. SW, Seattle WA, 98106. Call ahead. 206-386-4238
- **Wood Chips:** Delivered free by many "Tree Services" listed in the Yellow Pages. Or call Seattle City Light line clearing crew. 206-386-1733
- **Coffee Chaff:** from local coffee roasters. Check the Yellow Pages under "coffee roasting."

Shredders, Chippers and Hand Tools

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Shredders and Chippers: Shredders and chippers are useful for turning woody yard debris into mulches and preparing materials for rapid composting. They work best for leaves, twigs and stalks. Chippers are needed for woody branches. Many machines both shred and chip.

Small electric "mulch makers" used for leaves and twigs are available for under \$200. Gasoline powered units, 5-8 horsepower, can chip branches up to 2" or 3" in diameter and cost \$500-\$1,500. Look for "Lawn and Garden Equipment" suppliers in the Yellow Pages.

Many "Rental Service Stores and Yards" listed in the Yellow Pages rent shredders and chippers by the hour or day. Rates vary widely. Call to make sure the yard has a machine that is appropriate for the materials you want to shred or chip.

Hand Tools for Composting: Manure forks, post-hole diggers, machetes, screens, and soil thermometers are available at local hardware stores and through the mail-order garden catalogues.

Waste Reduction, and Other Information

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- **Seattle Public Utilities:** Garbage, recycling and yard debris pick-up info.
206-684-3000 www.seattle.gov/util/services
 - **King County Solid Waste:** Recycling/composting information for King Co. residents outside Seattle.
206-296-4466 www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/index.asp
 - **Washington State Dept. of Ecology:** Recycling Hotline.
1-800-RECYCLE (732-9253) <http://1800recycle.wa.gov/>
 - **Hazardous Waste Line:** Seattle-King County Public Health Dept.
206-296-4692 www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/facilities/hazwaste.asp
 - **Hazardous Waste Hotline:** Washington Department of Ecology. 800-633-7585
 - **W.S.U. Cooperative Extension,** King County: Gardening and pest control information from Master Gardeners, bulletins by mail, and DialExtension tapes.
206-296-3425 www.metrokc.gov/dchs/csd/wsu-ce/
 - **Seattle City Arborist:** Info about street tree planting and removal.
206-684-5047 www.seattle.gov/transportation/arborist.htm
 - **U.W. Center for Urban Horticulture:** Horticultural workshops and library.
206-543-8616 www.urbanhort.org
 - **Seattle Tilth Association:** Organic gardening workshops and library.
206-633-0451 www.seattletilth.org
 - **Seattle Public Utilities Water Conservation Office:** Free information on water conservation gardening practices. 206-684-7283 www.savingwater.org
 - **Washington Toxics Coalition:** 206-632-1545 www.watoxics.org/pages/root.aspx